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RESPONSE

In response to the action dated March 21, 2001, please amend the above-reference patent application in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1,116(a), as follows:

In the claims:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

-- 1. A method for producing on a magnetic tape having a magnetic recording side and a non-recording side opposite the recording side, a plurality of servo tracks capable of being optically detected independently from one another, the method comprising
passing at least a portion of the magnetic tape through a work area; and printing on a surface of the non-recording side of the portion of the magnetic tape as the tape passes through the work area the plurality of optically detectable servo tracks. --

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